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Let us hope that, while we are protesting against those Turkish brigands, no subject of the Sultan, travelling on American railroads or stages, will have to pay his own ransom at the point of a revolver, to the American variety.

The only criticism which might be made of the excellent digest of A. G. M. Robertson's speech at the Yale banquet, appearing in a morning paper, is in the fact that Mr. Robertson was not present, being in professional attendance upon the tax appeal court.

The drought at Hamakua has been ended by a soaking rain. As droughts do not often occur in that district there is hope for a few seasons of normal rainfall to follow the recent one, though prophecies may well await a determination of the theory that the loss of such a large area of forest must necessarily lessen the amount of precipitation.

The money raised in San Francisco for a McKinley memorial may be spent on an arched gate for the main entrance to Golden Gate park. Past experience with California art has made the public suspicious of statuary. There are, of course many other proposals, one correspondent wanting the fund to be loaned to needy and worthy citizens at two per cent per annum, but the arch is likely to be chosen. Preference for that kind of monument to the great dead dates back to Greece and Rome and farther yet, partly because of its majesty and grace and partly because it endures the buffets of time and the changes of taste better than any form of sculpture.

The discharge from the military service of Major Russell B. Harrison, son of the ex-President, has never been explained. It was a summary proceeding which occurred while the Major was an inspector general in the Philippines. The rumor which came out lately after Major Harrison had called on President Roosevelt, is that the young man was punished, at the instance of Adjutant General Corbin, because of his father's critical attitude towards the insular policy of President McKinley. If that was the fact, Major Harrison, as a man who had done his duty in the field was badly used, the more so because ex-President Harrison had opposed the issuance of a commission to him in the first place and was not on friendly terms with him personally. Under all the circumstances the Major seems to be entitled to a court of review.

## MORE FROM THE SLANDER BUREAU.

As a sample of the falsehoods now being circulated in the States in the interest of the political carpet-baggers we know of nothing more representative than this extract from the San Francisco News-Letter:

The bandits who have carried Miss Stowe into mountain fastnesses and demanded a ransom for her life, are not worse looters than the majority of the planters of Hawaii are and long have been. Among other things they have stolen the ex-Queen's private estate, denied her recompense, cheated the natives out of their patrimony, and imported coolies to take their places in the cane-fields.

The ex-Queen's private estate has never been taken from her and could not be under the law, hence no "recompense" is needed; the natives have always been eager sellers of their lands preferring money to real estate; and as they were never willing to work in the cane-fields "their places" were not given to coolies.

The News-Letter continues: In an evil hour they fell foul of a Federal Judge sent to the Islands to administer sound law and exact justice. They had the effrontery to try to control that Judge, and, when they failed, petitioned Washington for his removal.

The planters have no quarrel with any court so far as this paper is aware. The only Federal Judge in these Islands, Judge Estee, has never complained that any one was trying to control him nor has any petition ever gone to Washington for his removal. In the case of one Territorial judge, a blackleg from Arizona, the Hawaiian Bar Association branded him by a vote of 37 to 7, not because he could not be "controlled" for no one has ever tried to control him, but because he is as unfit, mentally and morally to be a judge as a bunco man is to be cashier of a bank.

As for the News-Letter it is quite worthy, in its studied misrepresentation of Hawaii, of the friendship of such a "Jurist."

## AN IMAGINARY DANGER.

The Argonaut again shows its fear that thousands of Chinese in Hawaii will take advantage of the ruling of the Treasury Department in the case of Ti Li Hong and go to California. As the Advertiser has said before, there is no real ground for this apprehension. While California seems a very desirable land to a Chinaman in the crowded purlieus of Canton or to the coolie burden-bearer of Hongkong, it is a place which the Chinaman of Hawaii looks at askance. Here wages are better and work steadier than in California, Asiatic merchants and artisans do more for themselves and there is no prejudice against the yellow races such as the Chinese of the Pacific coast have to contend with. Why should the Hawaiian Chinaman exchange prosperity for possible adversity, opportunity for impotency and friendship for hostility?

The Advertiser is convinced that if the way were opened to the Chinese to pass freely between the Pacific Coast and Hawaii these Islands would gain five where they would lose one. There is work the year around here for Oriental field laborers at better average pay than they can get for a portion of the year on California ranches. Vastly more money per capita is in circulation here than on the coast. The treatment of the Asiatics is humane and even indulgent. Hence to a hoodlumed Chinaman of the coast, life in Hawaii must appear idyllic.

## A NEW REPUBLICAN POLICY.

If any Republican President can bring the South into full moral fellowship with the North in the unity of a common country, President Roosevelt is the man. Though he is not the first Republican executive to have Southern blood, Lincoln and Johnson having been born south of Mason and Dixon's line, he is the first to gain the confidence of Southerners and thus open the way to the era of complete reconciliation. The President's mother was a Georgian of the old school. One of his uncles was an Admiral in the Confederate Navy and another fired the last gun on the Alabama in the fight with the Kearsarge. As an author the President has borne testimony to the courage, constancy and manly temper of the Southern soldier; and as the national executive he is entrusting to Southern white men of the best class the honors and responsibilities which have hitherto been conferred upon negroes and carpet-baggers who are Republicans for revenue only.

Twenty years ago it was plain that the negro experiment was a failure from either a Republican or a national standpoint. The good name of the Republican party had been blackened by negro incompetence and carpet-bag dishonesty in public place; and the advantages hoped for from negro rule, namely, a preponderance of Republican Congressmen and of Republican votes in the Electoral College, came to nothing. Naturally and inevitably the white man took control. He seized the machinery of elections and the Congressmen were made Democratic, while the white Democrats got the benefit in the strength which the South could bring into the Electoral College, of an inert, intimidated and voteless negro population. So in the end negro suffrage became a bludgeon to be used against the very party that conferred it.

The damage done to the nation was manifold. Race hatreds and the politics of the Civil War were perpetuated. The practice of intimidation, which was the only guarantee of political peace in the South, implied such a state of out-lavry that immigrants kept away from that section despite the fact of its being one of the fairest and most fertile parts of the Union. Progress in the South was and is yet slow. Products do not greatly increase, cities do not rapidly grow. The shadow of impending trouble hovers over the land. But for the institution of negro suffrage the South today might be scarcely behind the West in thrift and industry.

It is impossible, of course, to rescind the suffrage amendments to the Constitution but the South is doing something, with tacit Republican approval, to limit the privilege of the ignorant ballot and the President is beginning to summon the white man, Democratic though he may be, to the front in Federal affairs. Between these two influences may arise the evangel of a restored Union. Let it be understood that the South is no longer in danger from a field hand oligarchy nor compelled to use shot guns to prevent misrule; let it be known that the sovereign men shall have the sovereign places; let the carpet-bagger be tabooed; let all these reforms bear the seal or carry the approval of the Republican party and the Southern States will progress in every way and carry Republicanism ahead with the same momentum. There would have been no Solid South in 1881 and 1892 if President Hayes had done what Roosevelt is doing now; there will be none in the future if the Republican party declares that, if color is to rule any part of the Union, that color shall be white. It is a platform upon which stands the vast majority of American citizens.

## THE SUNDAY FIELD DAY.

There is much adverse comment among people whose respect for the American Sabbath has not been dimmed, at the proposal to have a noisy demonstration by the militia on Sunday. In other parts of the United States, even in the easy-going commonwealths of the Pacific Coast, the public authorities maintain the quiet and good order which belongs to the day set apart for Christian worship. At least the worst of them draw a line at celebrations, military parades and sham battles. It is reserved for Honolulu to initiate a Sunday of mock warfare with all that is implied in the way of artillery firing and small arms practice, charging, hurrahing and uproar generally and the usual refreshments afterwards. At this rate it may soon be the fashion to have Sunday dancing picnics with a brass band, Sunday horse races and Sunday vaudeville.

The only argument for this form of desecration is that the Guardsmen are busy week days. But this is no argument at all. It is a duty which a man accepts with his enlistment to serve under the colors when he is called out, week days not excepted. He is no Sunday soldier. His business is to obey orders without looking at the calendar. If he is unwilling to do that he would better get out of the Guard.

The protests made to the Governor as commander-in-chief of the Hawaiian National Guard will, we trust, be headed. They are made by friends of the citizen soldiery who believe that the Guard will suffer both in prestige and future enlistments if the Sunday field day is held and that the good name of the Territory and of its authorities will be smirched.

Commander Tilley can work a fearful revenge on his naval judges at Tutuila by refusing to tell them where they can find the best native drinks.

## Chinese in the Hawaiian Isles.

A report has been received by Mr. Powderly, Commissioner of Immigration, in regard to the registration of Chinese residents of the Hawaiian Islands, which was completed last June. The total number registered, 28,325, exceeded the estimated Chinese population by about 6,000. There were 17,432 on the Island of Oahu, 3,997 of whom were found in the city of Honolulu, but as many persons traveled to the capital of the Islands to be registered the figures for that place are not accurate as showing permanent residents. The others were distributed as follows: Island of Hawaii, 4,644; Island of Kauai, 3,418; Island of Maui, 3,248; and Island of Molokai, 33. The total expenses amounted to \$21,093, or 72¢ cents for each person registered.—Washington Star.

## TRIBUTE TO WHITE WOMEN.

Southern Negro Praises Them Enthusiastically—Influence.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 12.—This was "Negro Day" at the Texas State Fair. Fully twenty-five thousand negroes attended. President W. H. Council of the Negro Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, was the orator of the day. His speech seemed to delight the members of his own race and was vigorously applauded by his white listeners. In his address President Council said:

"If I were to scale the gamut of history and pluck from the diadem of the world's honor its brightest gem of virtue, I could present to you no higher example of womanly integrity than is found in the white woman of the South today. She excites the admiration of all lovers of truth and honor. Were it not for her, Southern society would be 'confusion worse confounded.' It would be pandemonium in riot. She is loyal to her race. She admits to her embraces no other. She stands like a rock in a weary land, maintaining the purity of both races in the South as far as she can."

"I am grateful to her. You must be proud of her. I am also glad that the educated element of my race has no desire for what is known as social equality. The educated negro desires the continued identity of his own race and seeks to adorn, dignify and exalt his own social circles, to accommodate his most extravagant social ambition. It is the ignorant negro who feels that the solution of the race problem means equality of the races. The educated negro is satisfied with the equality of virtue and a chance to be a man in his own sphere, after his own kind, as the Creator ordained."

## PALACE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

German Explorer, Believes He Has Found Palace Courtyer.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—Dr. Koldeve has sent here a further report about progress of the excavations he and his German colleagues are carrying on at the supposed site of Nebuchadnezzar's palace in ancient Babylon. He says he has discovered in the south quarter of the town a square courtyard surrounded by walls, the southern of which is a very fine piece of architecture.

The wall is faced with glazed tiles which seem to have wonderfully withstood the ravages of time, and are artistically ornamented with flowers and tracery; but many of the tiles have fallen out of their places to the ground, and they have had to be carefully placed together. This has been successfully done and the result shows a beautiful design. The design is now on the way to Germany.

In the courtyard were also found several bricks, evidently part of a mosaic pavement, the design of which was composed of enamel and glass-raised work as well as coffins, coins, fragments of stone inscriptions, and a broad slab on which was a picture of the Babylonian idea of hell.

Dr. Koldeve considers the recent finds as fully proving that this part of the city contained what was doubtless the finest of the Babylonian palaces, and consequently the palace of Nebuchadnezzar. Meanwhile excavations are being carried on in the business quarter of Old Babylon, where in 1874 the entire business documents of the Babylonian firm "Egibi and Son"—possibly the oldest house of business "of which the world holds record," to use Tennyson's phrase—were dug out by Arabians. These documents—unpaid bills, day books, ledgers, etc.—were made of hardened clay, and the wonder is that they had not crumbled away during the course of the centuries. In one case it is clear that the unpaid bills are now only of historic interest, for the Babylonian legal period of limitation must have long expired.

## YALE'S GUESTS ARRIVING.

Speaker Hatoyama of Japan the First to Reach New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 11.—The first of distinguished guests of the Yale bi-centennial to arrive in this city reached here today. They were Mr. and Mrs. Hatoyama. Mr. Hatoyama is speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives, and is at the head of the Japanese State Semmon Sakao, in which there are 15,000 law students. He is a graduate of the Yale Law School, class '81. They are the guests of Prof. George T. Ladd, who will also stop the dozen other Japanese guests for the bi-centennial.

Mr. Hatoyama denied that he and his wife slighted President Roosevelt by not keeping an appointment to dine with the president at the White House a few days ago. He said that it had been planned to take dinner with the president, but the latter changed his program and asked his visitors to luncheon instead. The visitors had other engagements for that hour, and therefore didn't dine at the White House. He added an interesting bit of Yale gossip as follows:

"I called on the president and he assured me that he would be glad to meet me on the platform at Yale in two weeks when we both should receive the same honor from that university, the degree of Doctor of Laws."

Another visitor to arrive in this city is Bishop Von Schwede, Representative of the King of Sweden. He is stopping with Prof. Palmer. The Swedish and German Lutheran pastors of this city are planning to give a reception to the bishop.

## EGYPT EXPLORATION FUND.

A Venerable Relic Voted to the Chicago Museum.

BOSTON, Oct. 13.—The Rev. Dr. William Copley Winslow, vice-president for the United States of the Egyptian Exploration Fund, announces that the London committee has voted to present to the Chicago Museum the curious bar of gold found at the royal tombs of Abydos. An exact facsimile has been received by Dr. Winslow and placed in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It has been mounted on black marble and is about five inches long. The name of Aha is incised on the cartouche, such as it then was, and probably dates about 4550 B. C. Near the top of the bar is a hole, which causes Dr. Winslow to suggest that it was used for ornamental purposes, but Prof. Petrie thinks that its purpose was unknown. At the lower end is a close cross hatching, and the same is on the under side near the upper end.

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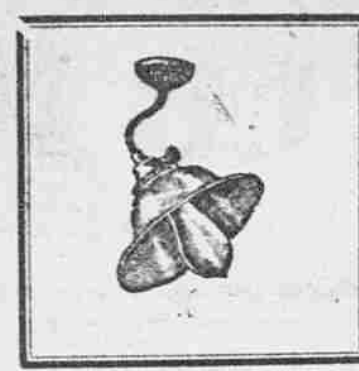
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